

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **September 10, 2002**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **10**

CONSENT: **X**

REGULAR:

CLOSED SESSION:

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

(Confidential)

ITEM TITLE: **Fire Safety House Trailer Purchase-Federal Emergency Management Agency Grant Award**

RECOMMENDATION: Appropriate \$24,500 to the City/Federal/State Aid Fund, fully reimbursable, for the purchase of a fire safety house trailer.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently began announcing grant awards to be made under the FY 2002 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The Fire and EMS Department has been awarded \$ 24,500 in federal funding to assist in the purchase of a fire safety house trailer that will be utilized to provide a variety of home safety-related training/education programs to the community's elementary and middle school aged children, and others. As part of the Department's Fire Prevention Program, this mobile unit will be utilized at schools throughout the City, as well as at public events such as Day in the Park. The Department now operates a number of vehicles that are capable of towing this trailer to appropriate locations.

Additionally, the trailer will be made available to selected schools and other locations in surrounding jurisdictions as scheduling and proximity permit.

It is anticipated that the fire safety house trailer will be an enjoyable and effective method of providing the Department's fire safety message to Lynchburg's youth.

PRIOR ACTION(S): None

FISCAL IMPACT: Utilizing the above referenced funding in conjunction with previously appropriated Local Fire Programs funding (\$10,500), the Department will be able to purchase the fire safety house trailer with no additional outlay of local funding. Maintenance and operating costs will be borne by currently available departmental operating budget monies. Some type of fee may be charged if necessary, however it is envisioned that current resources will be sufficient to maintain the unit without such fees.

CONTACT(S): Department Head – Cecil V. Martinette, Jr., Fire Chief (847-1564)
Staff contact – William G. McChesney Fire Administrative Officer (847-1564)

ATTACHMENT(S): None

REVIEWED BY: lkp

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED That \$24,500, fully reimbursable from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is appropriated to the City/Federal/State Aid Projects Fund for purchase of a fire safety house trailer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Financial Services Director is authorized to make such temporary loans from the General Fund to the City/Federal/State Aid Projects Fund as are necessary to fund this grant.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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